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NATIONALIZATION CONTINUES IN EAST GERMANY

BERLIN SOVIET SECTOR CONVERTS PROPERTY -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, No 2332,
13 Nov 49

Heinrich Rau, East Germany's Minister of Planning, has ordered the administration of the Soviet Sector of Berlin to convert 598 industrial enterprises and 991 pieces of real estate into people-owned property, in preparation for the Five-Year Plan which is to begin 1 January 1950.

According to the administration, this property formerly belonged to war criminals and National Socialists.

Among the plants confiscated are the Agfa Camera Works, the chemical plants of the I. G. Farben, the Aceta Artificial Silk Mills, and the "Injektor" Surgical Instruments Factory. These firms had previously been confiscated by the Soviet Union and were under Russian management so that this nationalization constitutes a de facto return to the Germans of some of the Soviet corporations which had been formed throughout the Eastern Zone. However, the new people-owned organizations will continue to pay reparations from current production to the Russians.

INCREASES NATIONALIZATION OF ENTERPRISES -- Sozialistische Volkszeitung,
No 35, 9 Sep 49

According to a report issued by the Director of the Berlin Public Welfare Corporation, 95 banking institutions (mortgage and private banks), 101 insurance companies, and 87 housing and settlement construction companies have been converted to a people-owned basis.

As a result of the price reductions in July, gross receipts from sales by the people-owned Trade Organization have increased approximately 60 percent, while the number of transactions has more than doubled.

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SACHSEN-ANHALT PUSHES LAND REFORM -- Sozialistische Volkszeitung, No 37,
12 Sep 49

The 700,000 hectares of land confiscated from land-owners in Sachsen-Anhalt under land reform have been distributed among 50,000 new farmers.

THUERINGEN CONVERTS PHARMACIES -- Sozialistische Volkszeitung, No 41,
16 Sep 49

In Thuringen 60 pharmacies have been nationalized and converted into people-owned polyclinical pharmaceutical dispensaries.

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